

Rotary



Bulletin for Gloucester

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Coming Meetings and other Functions.

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| Tuesday 21st June | Wingham Rotary Club Changeover at RSL/Services Club Wingham |
| Saturday 25th June | District 9650 Changeover - Maurie Stack to Ian Jackson Venue: Rear of Exchange Hotel "Waterfront Room" Taree |
| Tuesday 28th June Partners & Guests Welcome | Gloucester Rotary Club Changeover Dinner. Sharee to Ash Theme: Black & White with a dash of Colour |
| Tuesday 19th July | Possible Christmas in July at Stroud Public School with Dungog Rotary |
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District 9650 Rotary Clubs Changeover Dinner

| Club | Date |
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| Gloucester | 28/06/2016 |
| Great Lakes | 11/07/2016 |
| Taree | 17/06/2016 |
| Taree North | 15/06/2016 |
| Taree on Manning | 18/06/2016 |
| Tuncurry Forster | 22/06/2016 |
| Wingham | 21/06/2016 |

Directors Reports & others:

Brian Beesley opened the meeting with the Rotary Grace. Brian was the standing sergeant while Peter Markey is away. We then sang Happy Birthday to one of our Rotarian, Jane Deen, who celebrated her 50th on Sunday. Brian then asked the members to hold up a handkerchief (or serviette) as we waved farewell to President Sharee for her last meeting as the President at the club. Next week's meeting will be an outing to the Wingham Rotary Club Changeover. There will be a car pool to Wingham for those not wanting to drive. For more information, please contact President Sharee, Ashleigh or Ray ASAP.

Welcome back to two of our travelling Rotarians President Elect **Ashleigh Hickman** and Rotarian **Paul Hedditch**.

Ashleigh spoke briefly of one of her many adventures...



“St Petersburg escalator to train to canal and the reverse.

Out on the town now 8.30 pm sun is still shining sets about 10.35 pm lovely evening Carol and I set off from the Hotel given directions from our tour director we got lost using a map written in Russian. After changing our direction we found the metro and the longest escalators I have ever seen great big clunky Russian ones that too 3 1/2 minutes to reach the underground platform. St Petersburg is built on sand and to reach bedrock for the underground they had to dig a long way down. We kept to the blue line and the biggest solid looking steel train rumbled quickly into the station we climbed



aboard and instantly young people stood up for us. [I must be old] 2 stops later we alighted and up again to the street. Well we were in the middle of the city by now and looked at our map found blue for water and walked. Then we found the beautiful department store and bought some Faberge eggs. The canal found us and on board we went in an open canal boat we were wrapped in a lovely red blanket. I was sitting next to a beautiful Russian woman who could speak English [better than my Russian] she pointed out the buildings of interest the commentary was in Russian.



So out the river we went it was magnificent, sun still shining. It is the land of the White Nights and as 21st June approaches the sun shines all night. So after a wonderful one hour trip we arrived back and get to do the travel back to the hotel in reverse. The time is now 10.45 pm sun just set. We are now seasoned St Petersburg travellers!!!!!! The memory will be with me for a long time to come.

Photo is me in my red blanket.” – by Ashleigh

President Sharee fined the Bulletin Editor, Li, for sending Ida back to Finland before she even left!! (oops, sorry everyone!!) . So Ida Sevon, our Finland Exchange Student, boarded her flight on Monday 13th June at about 3pm. She had a big weekend saying goodbyes to her friends and also celebrating Jane's birthday. Jane received a text message whilst she was at the Rotary meeting (and Li was getting a BIG fine!!), from Ida to say she is safely back home. Ida also sent a picture of her and her baby Prince at home to her host parents, Sharee and Ernie.



John Read reported that he and Grahame Holstein attended the presentation at the Holiday Cost last



Wednesday to receive the \$5000 cheque grant to Rotary. This cheque was presented to Secretary Ray Martin. John was also very happy to announce that Rotary is also successful in receiving another \$5000 grant from the Stratford Coal (please see letter from Stratford Coal on the Rotary Website). Ray commented that when the 'Exercise Equipment' Project was presented to the club 3 years ago (while Ray was the President), there were a few concerns as to how this project will be funded without accessing the Club Funds. With the persistence and dedication from the Club 'Grant man', John Read, the club has received \$43,500 in total over the last 3 years to fund this project. We have also had a group of volunteers from members and non-members in contributing to various parts of this project and that had kept the cost low as well. Well done John and Well done to the Club!!

On 14th June, 3 of the Rotarians, **John Read, Jim DeSilva & Valda Barron**, volunteered to help out at the RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) program. This program is focus on helping high school students have a better understanding of the different aspects of Road Safety. The program is held at the Taree Race Course. Students were encouraged to ‘Know yourself’ Self Control, Risk Awareness, Speaking up and Being Social. They were given a demonstration of Speed and Stopping. There were a few guest speakers at the program. One of them was Tod, who had an unfortunate firsthand experience from a car accident. There was also an emotional video of Genevieve’s story which told of an 18 year old who lost control of her car, killing herself and her best friend. That video showed that the accident not only impact the life of the victim but also those surrounding the victim. During these talk, the students were all very quiet. All in all, it was a great event for the students and the volunteering Rotarians.



(Pictures and story provided by Valda Barron)

Meeting closed with the National Anthem.



Greetings from our fellow travelling Rotarians



From Brian And Sue Dixon:



Our RFE is at an end and what a wonderful experience it proved to be. Our last stop was at Jasper and we are here at Lake Maligne. After several days in Vancouver we are now enroute to Alaska.

‘Meet The Candidates’ Night report from President Sharee

“Dear Rotarians,

Last night was a good night, very informative from 4 of our Candidates. Dr David Gillespie(NP), Peter Alley(ALP), Julie Lyford(G) & Brad Christensen(I).

Gloucester appreciated Rotary hosting the night and praised the organisation.

Thank you Brian for keeping everyone to their time and moving through the question time as quickly as possible with the roving mic.

A big thank you to Heather Beesley for organising the supper and everyone who provided a plate (or two). Thank you Ashleigh for suggesting we host the event.”

Rotary Members have been invited to the Lions Club Changeover Dinner.

Can you please RSVP to President Sharee by Friday 24th June and she will RSVP to the Lions Club as a group.



Lions Club of Gloucester

Cordially Invites

GLOUCESTER ROTARY CLUB

To our

Changeover Dinner

To be held at

GLOUCESTER BOWLING CLUB

2ND JULY 2016

6:30 for 7:00pm

R.S.V.P June 27TH

Dress semi-formal / Smart Casual

Cost \$25.00 per head

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Laughter
always the best medicine

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was that defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

“Well,” said the Director, “we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub.”

“Oh, I understand,” said the visitor. “A normal person would use the bucket because it’s bigger than the spoon or the teacup.”

“No,” said the Director, “A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a room with or without a view?”



Gloucester Rotary Club
INVITATION

The members of **Gloucester Rotary Club** invite you to attend our annual

President's Changeover Dinner

to be held at
Gloucester Bowling Club

DATE: Tuesday 28th June 2016
TIME: 6.30 Hors d'oeuvres and pre-dinner drinks (Sit down meal at 7 pm)
COST: \$25 per person.

RSVP: *by 5 pm Thurs 23rd June 2016.*
Ray Martin's office. (Jenny Yarnold)
Ph 02 6558 2200 or email: rms@midcoast.com.au

The theme for this year's event is

Black & White
(with a splash of colour)

President: Sharee Abeysekera
President-Elect: Ashleigh Hickman



June Birthday Celebrations



**Geoff Slack 4th
Jane Deen 12th**



Simon & Hildegard 1st

Jim & Sue Desilva 7th

Ernie & Sharee Abeysekera 19th

Meeting Preparation & Clean Up

Please if you do not have time to set up please let one of your team know.

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| June | Karen Miles, Young Rustandi, Grahame Holstein |
| July | Sam de Witte, Wayne Salvestro, Jane Deen |
| August | Vicki Collett, Chris Pritchard, Pete Markey, |
| September | Ashleigh Hickman, Grahame Stelzer, Geoff Slack |
| October | Denver Webb, John Faull, Brian Beesley |
| November | Brian Dixon, Sharee and Ernie Abeysekera |
| December | Terry Carson, Ashleigh Hickman, Donnelle Walker |



Four Way Test

Of all the things we say and do:
 Is it the truth?
 Is it fair to all concerned?
 Will it build goodwill and friendship?
 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Gloucester Rotary Club Executives

| | | 2015/2016 | 2016/2017 |
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